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NEWS ITEMS

The "Unique character of the original Texas Ranger force" and "Exploits of Texas Rangers: Ben McCulloch, fighting man" are titles of articles published in the *Dallas News* of March 20, and April 17, 1921, by Mr. W. P. Webb.

Some important information concerning the establishment of the *Texas Christian Herald*, one of the early Baptist publications in Texas, and its connection with its successors is published by Mr. R. C. Crane in the *Baptist Standard* of June 16, 1921.

Beginning Monday, January 17, 1921, the *Houston Post* has published each Monday an article by Hon. Clarence R. Wharton under the general caption "Texas Centennial Year." The articles present a pretty full synopsis of the history of Texas; the series has come down to the outbreak of the Revolution.

Under the caption "Fredericksburg, a quaint city with unique history," Mr. Robert Penn published in the *Galveston News* of July 31, 1921, a good resume of the history of German colonization in West Texas.

In the *Temple Daily Telegram* of March 2, 1921, Mr. T. A. Hickey published a biographical sketch of Mrs. Caroline Stewart Cox, step-daughter of Dr. Charles B. Stewart. Mrs. Cox lives at Durango, Texas.

Colonel Hampton Cook contributed a good biographical sketch of Captain Randal Jones to the *Galveston News* of July 17, 1921. Mr. Cook has presented to the Association an original letter of Captain Randal Jones to Stephen F. Austin, September 7, 1824, which he published in this article; a letter of W. B. Travis to Captain Jones, October 3, 1835; and the Honorable Discharge of Captain Wyly Martin, signed by President Houston, December 5, 1838.

Articles of interest published in Texas newspapers: "Old King's Highway," by Rev. George Louis Crocket, in *Galveston News*, January 16, 1921; "Peach Point Cemetery," by James E. Sullivan, in

Houston Chronicle, March 3, 1921; a biographical sketch of August Buchel, by Corinne L. Flood, in *Galveston News*, May 29, 1921; "San Felipe de Austin," by Judge Nelson Phillips, in *Houston Post*, June 4, 1921; "East Texas asks to divide State in 1871," by W. M. Thornton, in *Galveston News*, June 5, 1921; Miss Luciana G. Davis's reminiscences of Fort Ringgold, by Florence Johnson Scott, and "Faded glories of Old Washington," by Mrs. Kathleen Randle, in *Dallas News*, September 18, 1921.

Dr. J. O. Dyer has contributed to the *Galveston News* following articles dealing with incidents in the history of the Texas coast country: "Texas coast in the eighteenth century" (January 9, 1921), "Wonderful story of the Mission La Bahia" (July 17, 1921), "Early banking on Galveston Island" (August 7, 1921).

During January and February, 1921, the *Houston Chronicle* published in its Sunday edition biographical articles and accounts of visits to the former homes of such prominent Texans as Colonel Ashbel Smith, Vice-President Lorenzo de Zavala, President David G. Burnet, Colonel Sidney Sherman, and President M. B. Lamar. The article on Stephen F. Austin appeared in the *Chronicle* of July 10 and 17, 1921.

Dr. S. O. Young contributes several anecdotes about Colonel Ashbel Smith to the *Houston Chronicle* of January 11, 1921.

The Pioneer Freighters' Association held its first meeting at San Antonio, March 30, 1921. Following officers were elected: president, Celestin Villemin; vice-president, Joseph Monier; secretary-treasurer, William B. Krempkau.

The second annual reunion of the ex-Texas Rangers' Association met in Weatherford, August 11 and 12, 1921. About sixty rangers were present all of whom saw service prior to 1881. The officers chosen for the present year are: W. M. Green of Colorado, General; J. B. Gillett of Marfa, Captain; N. N. Rogers of Post City, Lieutenant; Henry Sackett of Coleman, Orderly Sergeant and Secretary.

Texas under Six Flags: An historical and patriotic pageant, depicting in a symbolical way, in story, song, dance, and tableaux, the history of the Lone Star State. Edwin R. Bentley, editor,

The Monitor Print, McAllen, Texas. "The Rotary Clubs of Texas, out of a patriotic desire to see the hundredth anniversary of the founding of the first Anglo-Saxon colony in Texas properly celebrated, initiated the movement to have an historical pageant of Texas presented in every community on the 10th day of November, 1921, has caused this booklet to be issued."

The *Lubbock Avalanche* issued in September, 1921, a Panhandle-South Plains Fair Special Edition (vol. xxii, No. 12) of ninety-four pages. It contains much information about the past and present of that section.

Deaths of persons of prominence in Texas: Hon. W. L. Davidson, judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals, at Austin, January 25, 1921; W. T. Carter, lumberman, at Houston, February 23, 1921; Henry B. Terrell, former comptroller of the State, at San Antonio, March 24, 1921; J. W. Riggins, former mayor of Waco, at Hermit, California, March 25, 1921; W. A. Bowen, editor, at Arlington, April 15, 1921; J. C. McNealus, editor and State senator, at Dallas, May, 1921; Mrs. Rosine Ryan, prominent business woman of Houston, at Los Angeles, California, July 20, 1921.

Hugo Moeller, for many years editor of the San Antonio *Freie Presse* and author of several volumes, died at Comfort, February 1, 1921.

James B. Gambrell, distinguished Baptist minister, educator, editor and author, died at Dallas, June 10, 1921.

Ferdinand H. Lohman, author of a short history of Comfort, Texas, and of a volume of poetry, died near Boerne, June 18, 1921.

Dr. Rudolph Menger, author of *Texas nature observations and reminiscences*, died at San Antonio, March 27, 1921.

Judge W. S. Oldham, who contributed a biographical sketch of Colonel John Marshall to THE QUARTERLY, XX 132-38, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. J. W. McCarty, in Eagle Lake, August 1, 1921.

Mr. Emmett L. Perry of Freeport, Texas, died at Houston, September 30, 1921. He was a grandnephew of Stephen F. Austin, and his wife, who survives him, was Miss Hally Ballinger Bryan, daughter of Colonel Guy M. Bryan.